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Preliminary Plans For Mississippi College Enlargement Program In Jackson Announced

Preliminary plans were released yesterday for Jackson's participation in the enlargement program of Mississippi College. E. E. Laird, prominent Jackson banker and president of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and Leland Speed, successful business executive and mayor of the city of Jackson, will serve as co-chairmen of the Jackson campaign, which will be conducted in late August and early September.

Authorized by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and by its board of trustees, Mississippi College has launched this enlargement program to meet the increasing demands for Christian education facilities in this state. With a record of 119 years of influence, inspiration and service to youth, Mississippi College must now expand its facilities and endowment that its leadership and service may be fully adequate to meet the challenge of the years ahead.

The state-wide enlargement program totals \$600,000. Of this amount, \$150,000 is for a new administration building, \$150,000 for a new dormitory for women, \$100,000 for the Patterson

Memorial, and \$200,000 to add to the present endowment to increase it to a total of one million dollars.

Jackson's part of this \$600,000 total is \$150,000. In discussing the Greater Jackson campaign and the Greater Jackson quota, Co-chairman Laird stated:

"Mississippi College, while located at Clinton, is in fact a part of Greater Jackson and therefore deserves the interest and support of every citizen of Jackson. Mississippi College has been one of the leading Christian educational institutions of Mississippi and the South for 119 years. Today it is faced with the challenge of the future and must move forward by enlarging its facilities and increasing its endowment. Mississippi College is a definite part of Jackson's splendid college system; and I am confident that the people of Jackson will respond quickly and generously to this call."

Co-chairman Speed, enthusiastic over the coming campaign, pointed out that Mississippi College had asked no favors of Jackson for over a quar-

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Three More Protestant Leaders To Visit Theatres Of War Operations

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Three more Protestant leaders have been chosen by the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains here to visit various theaters of war operations.

By invitation of the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy, Bishop Edwin F. Lee, director of the general commission, will tour the Southwest Pacific; Dr. Dan T. Caldwell, director of the Defense Service Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), will go to the India-Burma theater; and Dr. Alfred C. Carpenter, superintendent of camp work for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will visit the China area.

Dr. William Barrow Pubh, stated

clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and former chairman of the general commission, is now en route to the Pacific Ocean area.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts, and newly elected chairman of the general commission, has just returned from the European theater, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches, from the Mediterranean theater.

Purpose of these visitations is to confer with army and navy chaplains and service men and attempt to interpret their needs to the home congregations.

Christian Churches In Free China Mark Ninth Year Of Sino-Japanese War

Chungking—(By Wireless, RNS)—All Christian churches in Free China participated in nationwide prayer on July 7 to mark the opening of the ninth year of the Sino-Japanese war.

Prayers of thanksgiving were offered for eight years of deliverance and for courage to face the future in a spirit of justice and love. The observance was suggested by the National Christian Council of China, which also sponsored a big United Nations service at which Methodist Bishop W. Y. Chen, still convalescing

from a recent attack of cholera, presided as chairman.

High Chinese government and diplomatic officials attended the service and an indication of the large number of Christians in the Chinese government was given in the list of sponsors for the service.

Another service, conducted in both English and Chinese, was addressed by General Feng Yu-hsiang, famed Christian general and a member of the military council.

Special Broadcast Featuring 170th Anniversary U.S. Army Chaplain

Testimonials by three soldiers wounded in combat service, on the subject, "What My Chaplain Meant to Me," together with brief talks by Col. Ralph W. Rogers, chaplain of the Fourth Service Command, and Dr. L. D. Newton, will highlight a special independent network broadcast next Sunday morning, July 29, featuring the 170th anniversary of the U. S. Army chaplain. Col. Rogers' subject will be, "Meet Your Chaplain," while Dr. Newton will speak on the subject,

"Our Best to Our Fighting Men." The music for the broadcast will be by the Ft. McPherson Chorus and the Lawson General Hospital Band. The hour for the broadcast is 7:30 a. m.

This special broadcast is carried as a public service feature by cooperating stations and is sponsored by Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists.

This program can be heard in Mississippi over Radio Station WSLI at Jackson, at 7:30 a. m.

My Favorite Sermon

THE MAJESTY OF THE HUMAN WILL

R. H. Fitzgerald, Russell, Miss.

Text: "And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."—Rev. 22:17.

We speak of God as having all power, but we frequently forget that He gave man sovereignty over his own individual will. To be sure, we worship a Creator who is infinite in knowledge, One whose position is not to be challenged. We are told in the same book from which our text is taken, "for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." But the Creator saw fit to give man the power of decision, that he might accept or reject the good things pertaining to time and eternity. God did not relinquish this power to the animal kingdom, hence the wild geese fly north as spring approaches, impelled by instinct. God did not abdicate the throne of Provi-

dence, neither did He surrender to chance the movement of the planets, but He did delegate to man the prerogative of preference. In this respect every man is a king and every woman a queen and they sit upon a royal throne of choice.

It may be well to pause:

I. And Test the Soundness of This proposition.

The Bible speaks plainly on this point: "Ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life." "Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded." "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the

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Armenian Orthodox Denounce Vatican "Ambitions"

Erivan, Armenia—(By Wireless, RNS)—Charges that Vatican "ambitions" are hindering "the lofty aims of Christianity" were made in a statement issued by the general council of the Armenian Gregorian Orthodox Church at the conclusion of sessions here. The statement was signed by newly-elected Catholicos Georg VI, and other leaders of the church.

"Regretfully, the Vatican, heading the Roman Catholic Church, entangles itself in political ambitions," the statement said, "thereby hindering the bringing into life of the lofty aims of Christianity, and it defends destructive German forces that are the source of harm of all humanity. For this reason, the National Church Council denounces the position of the Vatican as not corresponding with the lofty ideals of Christianity."

Declaring that the Christian churches are called upon to play an extraordinary role in promoting ideals of "brotherhood, justice, and liberty" throughout the world, the statement added:

"Politically directed activities on

Poland To Guarantee Religious Freedom

Warsaw—(By Wireless, RNS)—A series of laws guaranteeing religious freedom to all sects in Poland is being prepared by the new Polish government, it was announced at a press conference here by Minister of Justice Henryk Swiatkowski, who has been placed in charge of church affairs.

"Poland is basically a Roman Catholic country, and the government is of the opinion that, first of all, full rights must be accorded to the Roman Catholic church, but this must not be to the detriment of other denominations," Swiatkowski said. "The present government is trying to eliminate past errors which aimed at damaging and impeding the activities of the smaller denominations and will guar-

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-Sparks & Splinters-

Dr. Bracey Campbell of Marks will preach during the revival at Pleasant Hill church, Copiah county, beginning August 5. The music will be directed by Rev. Lewis Wells.—Sammie P. Crawford, pastor.

There were 22 additions during the revival at Beulah church, Simpson county, the first week in July. The evangelist was Rev. Jack Cranford and the song leader was King Sullivan.—D. W. Moulder, pastor.

The W. M. S. of Highland church, Meridian, of which Edward L. Byrd is pastor, is one of 45 churches in Mississippi and one of 839 in the South, who secured a gift for missions from every woman on the resident roll. This report came from Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Southwide W. M. U. chairman.

Philadelphia — (RNS) — The Friends School at Ommen, Holland, closed by the Germans in 1942 and turned over to the Hitler Youth, has been reopened by the Quakers, according to word received here. The old castle in which the school is housed was undamaged by Allied bombings, although the nearby village suffered.

London — (By Wireless, RNS) — Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has left here for a tour of Scandinavian countries. He will confer with Baptist leaders in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland. Prior to his departure Dr. Rushbrooke received a message of greeting from Rumanian Baptists recalling his efforts to assist them during their years of persecution.

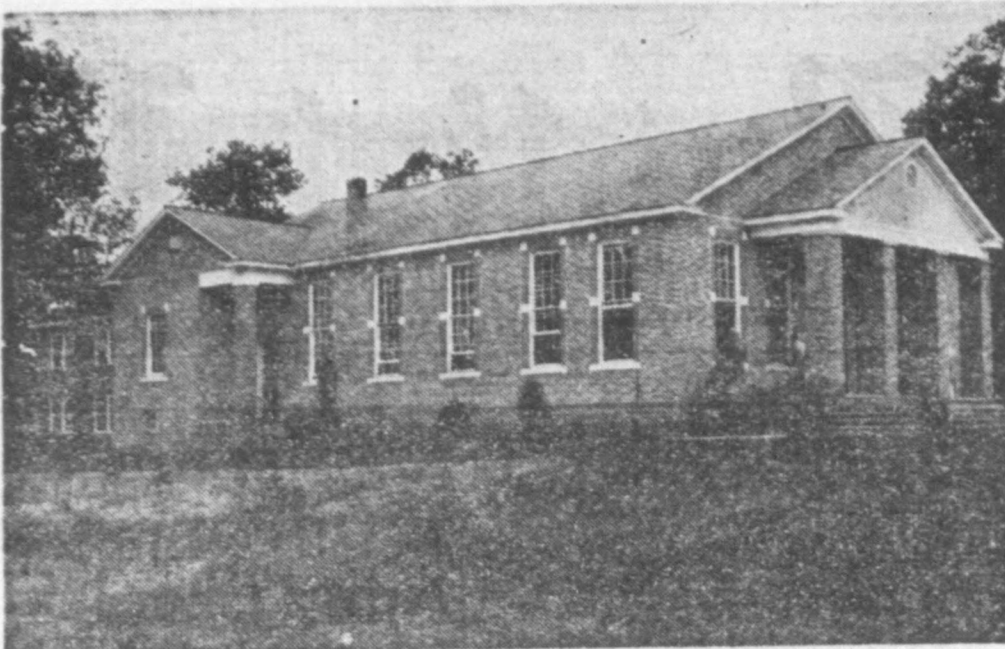
Copenhagen, Denmark — (By Wireless, RNS) — Almost all Danish missionaries in Manchuria have been forced by Japanese authorities to abandon their work, according to information here. Mission schools have been closed since last summer and only a few hospitals are permitted to function.

Leland: Recently I was in a youth revival with Dr. Herbert Howard at Immanuel church, Tulsa, Okla. Dr. Howard received his Th.D. degree a year ago from Louisville Seminary. He and I are two of seven preachers who have come out of the First church, Troy, Alabama, in the last 20 years. The music during the revival was conducted by Paul Green of Ardmore, Okla. A young people's chorus of 50 voices and a junior choir furnished the music. There were more than 40 conversions and two young people dedicated their lives to full-time religious service. In spite of the rain there were 909 in attendance at Sunday school and ten additions at the morning worship hour.—Chester Quarles.

The revival at Trinity church, Fulton, resulted in nine additions. Pastor Clarence Palmer did the preaching. Mrs. Clarence Palmer led the music. A Vacation school was held during the same time and was under the supervision of Miss Nan Moore, a special summer worker in the State Sunday School Department.

The first VBS for Magee's Creek church was held the week of July 1. We appreciate the work of Miss Dorothy Peeler of Silver Creek and Miss Jean Furr, Tylertown, also the local helpers. The enrollment was 87 and the average attendance 80.—Mrs. A. J. Chandler.

New Hope (Leake county): We have called Dr. William Potter, pastor at Carthage, to serve us as interim pastor and he will preach for us on the first and third Sunday afternoons until we can secure a permanent pastor on the field. Our annual revival has just closed. Rev. H. W. Shirley of Purvis did the preaching with A. D. Richardson of Carthage leading the singing. There was one profession of faith. Our church extended a unanimous invitation to Bro. Shirley to return for the meeting next July.—Church reporter.



MACEDONIA CHURCH—A. W. TALBERT, PASTOR



MACEDONIA CHURCH CROWD—A. W. TALBERT, PASTOR

Members of Macedonia church in Lincoln county, one of the largest rural churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, recently completed a lovely two-story annex to care for their rapidly expanding work. This was completed on the first anniversary of the pastor, A. W. Talbert, who started his work there in March, 1944. Dr. P. B. Green was formerly pastor.

Other features that indicate the outstanding gains made in recent months appear below. The Sunday school has considerably more than doubled. The Extension and Cradle Roll departments and a number of new classes have been added. The Adult department alone has grown from just one to four classes with large enrollment. This is typical of other departments.

On the pastor's first day, four

Training Unions were organized. Another has been added, and with the extra space available, this division will expand.

The new annex provides space for 12 more classes. Henry J. Stanley, superintendent of the Sunday school, was foreman of the building project, and made the brick that went into building, which was finished free of debt. The church is now working on a kitchen. Six additional acres of land were purchased recently, for a pastor's home to be built in the near future.

There have been 66 added to the church membership, about 50 of them coming by baptism, making the total number well above 800. Finances are in good shape, and 20% of the regular offerings are sent to the cooperative work.

Richmond, Va.—(RNS)—An increase in missionary personnel from 542 to 750 will be asked of the Southern Baptist Convention by its Foreign Mission Board, it was announced at the latter's headquarters here. Looking ahead to its post-war program, the board will also seek an annual budget of \$3,000,000; an emergency fund of \$3,000,000; a rehabilitation fund of \$2,000,000, and a post-war improvement fund of \$3,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Fifty-two chaplains have been killed in battle or have died of wounds during World War II, it was reported here by Brig. Gen. Luther D. Miller, acting chief of army chaplains. Non-battle casualties total 52 also. In addition, 34 chaplains are listed as detained by the enemy, and 180 have been wounded in action. Three chaplains have died of disease while detained by the enemy. General Miller reported that 754 decorations had been awarded 602 chaplains.

Atmospherically speaking, the Daniel church is very cool. Have just had the building air-conditioned. Spiritually speaking, the church is warm. We baptized four last Sunday evening, three of whom were men of families. One of them was formerly a Catholic. Thus far, the summer slump has not struck us, neither in attendance nor financially. God is blessing us and we are so grateful to Him.—C. S. Thomas, pastor.

New Zion church, Tylertown: We have just closed a genuine revival. Pastor Fred Bookler of Central church, McComb preached effectively. Thirty persons made public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.—J. Hardee Kennedy, pastor.

Rev. Artemas Franklin O'Kelley passed away in Tallahassee, Florida, on July 1. He was one of the three O'Kelley preacher-brothers and had prominent pastorates in Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida. On account of ill health he retired from the pastorate in Perry, Florida, in 1940.

Cleveland, Ohio—(RNS)—A drive to add one million new members and to raise \$5,000,000 for its "present and post-war program" was launched by the African Methodist Episcopal church at a meeting here of the bishops' and connec-tional council. The program was prepared by Bishop W. A. Fountain, senior bishop. According to Bishop R. R. Wright, the money will be used for education, missions, church extension, and social service programs. Special work will also be done to increase the church's work in South America and the islands. Both the membership and the financial features of the program will be divided and pro-rated among the seventeen Episcopal districts over and above the present regular requirements.

Richmond, Ind.—(RNS)—A permit has been granted by the ODT to hold the Five Years Meeting sessions of the Society of Friends here, Oct. 17-23. Representatives of the 11 yearly meetings which comprise the Five Years Meeting group will attend the sessions, for which the theme will be "The Message of Christ for Today—Through Friends."

The President has recommended to the Senate the appointment of Chaplain (Brigadier General) Luther D. Miller to be chief of chaplains. Chaplain Miller entered the army in 1918. He recently returned from 33 months in the southwest Pacific with the sixth army. He is of the Episcopal faith.

An interesting program was arranged by Mrs. Roger Kilpatrick, associational young people's leader of Noxapater, for their rally which was held on June 29 in the Ellison Ridge church. Young people from Ellison Ridge, Louisville, Noxapater and Calvary churches participated in the program.

Rev. Montie A. Davis has closed six years as pastor of the East Moss Point church. During this time there has been more than a hundred net increase in membership. Other accomplishments include a new parsonage, garage, lot and garden, the church property fenced, concrete walks built to church and parsonage and basement of church finished, new Sunday school rooms, kitchen, lights, gas, pews and other fixtures. Cooperative Program gifts have increased from \$2.00 a month to \$25.00 per week.

Dr. I. E. Rouse, moderator, writes that the Lebanon Association will meet October 2-3 at Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Dr. Fred C. Eastham, who recently resigned the pastorate of the First church, Wichita Falls, Texas, to become Home Board superintendent of evangelism, has assumed the leadership of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. He succeeds Dr. M. E. Dodd who served from July 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945. (Dr. Dodd's church gave him a leave of absence and paid his salary.)

Due to the housing shortage in Atlanta, Dr. Fred C. Eastham, general director of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, will reside temporarily in Wichita Falls, Texas. His address is P. O. Box 240.

Pastor W. S. Landrum of Union Hall church, Lincoln county, was assisted in the revival July 15-20 by Rev. Owen Williams of Utica. The singing was conducted by Rev. Roy Self.

The Holmes County Associational Sunday school meeting will be with the Goodman church on Sunday afternoon, July 29. The program will begin at 1:30. The Training Union will have a program at the morning hour. Visitors are requested to bring along sandwiches and the church will furnish drinks.—Mrs. W. E. Grace.

Hot Springs, Ark.—The Little Rock Conference of the Methodist church has purchased the Ozark Sanitarium here for \$1,000,000. Consisting of a four-story brick structure, which will be enlarged and equipped with new hospital facilities, the institution will be renamed the Methodist Hospital of Arkansas and will be one of the largest hospitals conducted by the denomination.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

I

CORRECTION: We were saying a sincere "Thank you" to Mr. Davis in a paragraph last week and a sentence was left out from our writings that weakened the entire paragraph. The sentence left out read as follows: "But for definite help given by him, we would have been stranded all along." We were only expressing the beginnings of our appreciation, and we certainly do not want any of that left off. The president of our Convention Board has been most helpful indeed.

II

This office has been rendering another service to our pastors and churches about which we have said nothing heretofore. We mention it now only in order that we may be of the largest possible help to the greatest number of people. Last Sunday we secured supplies for the following churches: a strong north Mississippi church, sending a Mississippi College professor; a rural church in Rankin county, sending a foreign missionary to them; three services in two south Mississippi churches, providing a chaplain and a Mississippi College ministerial student. For next Sunday we have provided a preacher, singer to start a revival in one church, a Mississippi College professor for a service in another church; a group of college students to lead in a service in another church, and we are helping a fourth. This is typical of the service to which we refer. It takes time, patience and cooperation. Where we secure students, college professors, missionaries, etc., at least the expenses of the trip should be provided. This has been done in each instance so far as we know.

III

Sometime ago in talking to a leading conference of pastors, we reviewed a bit of church history. We called attention to the rise of the Catholic church, the degeneracy of the ministry in the early ages, the emergence of sacramental grace, and the persecution of dissenting groups holding such great and precious doctrines as: (1) salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; (2) belief in the Bible as a sole rule of faith and practice; (3) believers' baptism; (4) a pure church, (5) the separation of church and state, etc. We emphasized that many of our fine pastors and 90% of our laymen know little about the particular persecution and the sufferings of individuals that gave to us our priceless heritage today. Many of us have studied Baptist doctrines, but we need something else to put fire and blood into them. A character study from church history would help along this line. Camping by the cross of Jesus would certainly help!

IV

The root of all sin is unbelief. Faith in a general way has some place in practically every world religion. Faith is primary in Christianity. Jesus taught it in Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God." He taught it in John 14:1, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 1:12, John 3, John 5:24, John 6:47 and many other passages present us the same recurrent emphasis.

Our Bible seems to teach us that the first fruit of the tree of sin is covetousness. It figured largely in the temptation of Adam and Eve, Genesis 3. It was the appeal to Jesus in the temptation, Matthew 4. It caused Achan to steal the wedge of gold; it caused Ananias and Sapphira to lie about their giving, resulting in sudden death.

A companion sin is hate. The devil is filled with it. He hates God, the church, the Bible, righteousness, etc. "He that hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." I John 3:15. While we have found it easy to love people and hate has never been one of our chief temptations, hate became most abhorrent to us several years ago as we studied minutely the passages of scripture dealing with the last week of the public ministry of Jesus. We saw those who hated Him closing in upon Him. They hounded Him as stealthily as a hunter stalks game. They watched Him by day and plotted against Him by night. They lied about Him, and lying and hate are fruits upon the same tree of sin. What is back of the finger prints upon His cheek? Hate! What is back of the thorns tearing their way through His scalp? Hate! What is back of the dirty spittle coursing down His cheek? Hate! What is back of the Son of God hanging, suffering, pleading, praying, and dying upon the cross? On the hellish side, it is hate!

Hate was the spearhead for all the sins that crucified Him. Hate did to Him what some other sins did not do, though we know all sin is summed up in His death on the tree!

If the people of Christ, the people of His churches, we preachers, the deacons, teachers and leaders all together fail at this point, who will present in life the God of Love and the Christ of compassion to a hating and hateful world?

A deacon in a certain church has not been inside the house of worship for five years. Why? Answer: Because he hates the preacher!

A former Sunday school superintendent has not been inside his church in ten years. Why? Answer: Because he hates another lay officer of that church!

A lady church member will not speak to another lady member of her church. Why? Answer: Because she hates her!

A preacher will not cooperate in the work of the Lord Jesus. Why? Answer: Because he hates!

Two churches in a certain city present tragic testimony before the eyes of the community. Why? Because the two churches are jealous, each of the other, competitive in unholy manner and spirit! Twice is it written in I John 4:8, 16, "God is love."

V

Baptist students and alumni at M. S. C. W., the First Baptist Church, Dr. J. D. Franks, Columbus, and their many friends are leading out in a wonderful movement looking toward the financing and erecting of an adequate B. S. U. workshop at that place. This is indeed a worthy movement and should be

given generous financial support. Individual or church money given for this purpose may be sent to this office with the assurance said monies will be forwarded as designated.

Sometime ago, going into a train in a city we saw church spires standing out above surrounding buildings. It is not the church spire that reaches highest into the sky that counts the most, but it is the church that carries Christ's message farthest and carries Christ to the most people. A soldier wrote his home church, "Please thank for me the man, who as my Sunday school teacher, taught me the way of Christ."

A six year old girl was praying during her examination for church membership. Her words in praying were as follows: "Jesus, help those children next door. Oh, the language they use!" The pastor said at the end of her prayer, "She is all right."

A missionary told us of a Jewish doctor, converted in Jerusalem, and the Jews spat on him as they passed him.

VI

Word has just come from Pastor Felton H. Griffin, Anchorage, Alaska, that the War Production Board at Seattle, Washington, has turned down their application for a permit to erect an adequate house of worship. Mississippi Baptists should join in prayer about this matter. If interested, you might write the War Production Board at Seattle, Washington, urging them to grant permission for this building at the earliest possible moment.

Due to a bit of indefiniteness as to the date of our arrival back from Alaska, we had kept an extra Sunday and two Wednesday nights open, and so got to enjoy the services in our own church at Clinton. The message of our pastor, Dr. Newport, was refreshing and stimulating, and fellowship with the home folks good.

We went to Endville in Pontotoc county to help Pastor A. B. Jones and the other saints dedicate a brand new house of worship. This Baptist church has gone along 40 years without a house of worship, but they have a beautiful one now. Four additions to the church. At night we were back at Sherman for another visit with other friends. Pastor Jones is one of our most loyal leaders.

Wednesday night we had the privilege of supplying at prayer meeting for Dr. C. B. Bowen, Calvary church, Jackson. If you want to see a good prayer meeting crowd, you will find it here.

It was a joy to be back at Parkway, Jackson, for a second revival series. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell are two of our most capable leaders, and some of our finest friends are in this church. A city church undertaking a summer revival has no small task. There were 14 additions in an eight-day revival, with services only at the evening hour. This brings their total for the year to approximately 200. A large number of friends from Griffith Memorial, First Baptist Church, Calvary church, Northside church, Davis Memorial church and other nearby churches were present at many services. Rev. Howard Aultman, Holly Springs, one of our very fine young pastors, delighted our hearts as he led the singing.

VII

In addition to the summer dates already given, we list other summer dates along with fall dates as follows: Beacon church, Laurel; Pearl River Association, Picayune; Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis; B. S. U. retreat, Ellisville; revival at Sidon; Good Hope church in Perry county; Shuqualak; revival at Central Baptist Church, McComb; revival at Aberdeen, Carthage church, and 19 associations. This takes us to the meeting of the Convention the middle of November and leaves only the second Sunday of October and a few Wednesday nights open until that time. We count on your prayers in this work. It is too much for any one man in his own strength.

REV. J. A. HUFFSTATLER

Rev. J. A. Huffstatler passed away in Memphis on July 4, 1945. He had been in failing health for several years. He was a native of Union county and was a farmer until he entered the ministry 28 years ago. Brother Huffstatler was pastor of Independence church in Tate county for 18 years and at different times served the churches of Hickory Grove, Wyatt and Looxahoma.

The funeral, held at Independence church, was conducted at his request by his friend and associate in the ministry, Rev. Walton E. Lee, who was assisted by the Rev. H. G. West of Ecru. The large congregation attending attested to the great love and esteem in which he was held.

Surviving Brother Huffstatler are his wife; three sons, Capt. Hugh Huffstatler in North Africa, Rev. Marvin Huffstatler and Arthur Huffstatler of New Albany; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Dickerson, Looxahoma, and Freddie Ann Huffstatler, Independence; two brothers, F. W. Huffstatler of Memphis, Rev. F. Z. Huffstatler of Holly Springs, and a sister, Mrs. Rex Goodman of Ecru.

In the tribute used in the funeral Brother Lee used the words from Paul, "I am ready to be offered. . . I have fought a good fight."

MORGAN CITY HAS SIMULTANEOUS VBS AND BTU STUDY COURSE

The morning hours were spent in Vacation school with Miss Annie Lou Anthens serving as principal. Mrs. W. B. Moore was superintendent of the Beginner and Primary departments with Miss India Prophet and Miss Mary Bell Treboar as assistants. Misses Mary Jo Olander and Annie Lou Anthens worked with the Junior department. The Intermediate workers were Mrs. Frances Matthews, S. A. Thompson and Pastor C. J. Olander.

The following study course books were taught each evening: Living for Jesus, by Miss Mary Jo Olander; Witnessing for Christ, by Miss Annie Lou Anthens, and The Plan of Salvation, by S. A. Thompson and C. J. Olander.

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Dr. William Potter, pastor, Carthage Baptist Church, will preach the evangelistic messages at Sunrise Baptist Church (Leake county), near Midway, in the annual summer revival beginning Sunday night, July 29. Rev. Joe L. Moore is the pastor.

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KEEP A TIGHT GRIP

From a modern translation of
II Thessalonians 2:15 we read,
"Keep a tight grip on the teachings
ye have received from us." And the
Old Testament exhorts us in these
words, "And these words which I
commend thee this day, shall be in
thine heart: And thou shalt talk of
them when thou sittest in thine house,
and when thou walkest by the way,
and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6,
7).

Baptists throughout the ages
have been noted for their adherence
to and acceptance of the New Testament
as their only guide. In its pages we
find our only creeds, rules for right
living and the Way of Life. Baptist
churches are democracies in their purest
form. They are New Testament churches.
Churches which yield to rule of the
few fall short of being Baptist churches
in just that degree.

Doctrines, which are Baptist
doctrines because they are New Testament
doctrines, should be taught in the homes
and at all services of the church. The
lessons which we learn best are the ones
which have been repeated again and
again.

Baptists have a faith worth
contending for and we dare not become
lax in our teachings. Let us keep a
tight grip on the Faith of Our Fathers.
Only in this way may we keep out
isms and schisms, which seek to undermine
the principles which we hold dear.

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WANTED—YOUR EXPERIENCE

From one of Mississippi's most
beloved pastors comes a good suggestion—
that we run a series of articles on
"My Experience of Grace" or "How I Was
Saved."

We hereby invite our readers to
write short articles giving their own
experience in salvation.

ASSOCIATION TIME IS APPROACHING

The coordinating unit for Baptist
churches is the district association. Prior
to the organization of local churches into
state conventions was the organization of
district associations. Churches forming
the association agreed to work together
for the sending of the gospel. It was a
voluntary matter.

Eight states whose district associations
had come together to organize state
conventions were represented at the 1845
meeting in Augusta, Georgia, when the
Southern Baptist Convention was formed.

The churches are represented at the
associations and as reports are presented
from the several churches, there is also
a time for discussion of mutual problems.

Representatives of the mission program
in the state and often missionaries from
the home or foreign fields present the
work they are doing. The meetings are
informational and inspirational.

Baptists who have never attended an
annual meeting of the district association
have missed something that no other phase
of Baptist work can supply. Church clerks
and secretaries know something of the
time required to compile annual reports
for their churches. The church letter (as
the report is called) is read to the church
in conference and many vote to accept
the report without realizing that the reports
contain historical data that will reveal
the upward or downward trend of the
program of Baptists.

The association allows freedom of
expression and it is a time for "thrashing
out" any "isms."

You do not have to be a delegate
to attend the meeting of your district
association. Delegates from the churches
(elected according to the membership of
the church) have the right to vote, but
visitors can learn much by attending the
district association.

FEED SHORTAGE—LIQUOR HOLIDAY

Washington—(AP)—The possibility
of another livestock food shortage
arose Wednesday to threaten government
plans for expanding meat and poultry
output in 1946.

In its July report on crop prospects,
the agriculture department said that,
due to unfavorable weather and shortages
of labor and materials, this year's
production of feed grains may be the
smallest since 1941.

This year's production will form
next year's livestock feed supply. And
that supply will have to be larger than
now indicated if more hogs are to be
raised and fattened,

if beef cattle are to be fed to heavier
weights, and if poultry and egg production
are to be increased.

Livestock production declined last
year due largely to a short feed supply
and to high feed costs in relation to
livestock prices.

But the WPB authorizes another
liquor holiday which will make for
more food shortage.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—
Editor.

KEEP THE PROTESTS GOING

Do not forget that our type of government
is sensitive to the opinions of its
constituencies. When enough good
people make their convictions felt,
bad situations are changed. Prompted
by increasing protests from pastors
and church members against travel
limitations placed on religious groups,
Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska,
has called on Colonel J. Monroe
Johnson, chairman of the War
Committee on Conventions and head
of the Office of Defense Transportation
"to repeal this onerous restriction on
the religious organizations of the
nation." Senator Butler expressed the
conviction that the order restricting
church meetings, or demanding that
permits be received from the ODT
before some meetings are held, was
"utterly unconstitutional," and said it
should be revoked by the War
Committee on Conventions itself. He
states: "I am sure that other senators
and other members of the House of
Representatives have received the
same type of protests, particularly
since the ban on horse racing was
lifted May 9. I realize as well as any
one that travel facilities are over-
taxed and that every American should
refrain from traveling, particularly on
trains, unless he must. But I know
that religious organizations do not
usually call meetings for frivolous
purposes and that they do not urge
people to attend meetings just for the
train ride." The senator fears that
hundreds of summer camps, previously
held by church groups, may not meet
this year if the restrictions now in
effect are not lifted by the ODT. It
seems to us strange double talk for
ODT to complain regarding travel to
and from meetings called for purely
religious purposes and at the same
time permit unlimited travel to the
race tracks of the nation.—The
Watchman-Examiner.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- July 30—S. E. Travis, Lebanon Association
Board member.
- July 31—Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler of the
Blue Mountain College faculty; Howard
Walters, worker in W. M. U.
camps.
- August 1—Sunbeam Focus Week, August
5-10.
- August 2—Rev. J. L. Sullivan, Lincoln
county Convention Board member.
- August 3—Rev. F. K. Horton, Blue Mountain
College trustee; Miss Ruby
Rose, W. M. U. camp worker.
- August 4—Dr. W. A. Bell, Baptist Or-
phanage trustee.
- August 5—Mrs. J. H. Matthews, W. M.
U. chairman, District 7.

Goodyear Church Has Revival Enlists Many Tithers

The evangelistic-stewardship revival
of Goodyear church, Picayune, June
24-July 1, resulted in unusual spiritual
and financial blessings for the church.
Rev. Bruce Hilbun of Soso, state
enlistment pastor, was the preacher
and Kenneth J. Simmons of Osyka
served as song leader. There were
eight professions of faith, four
additions by letter, and 52 Christians
who signed the tither's covenant.

A check-up of tithers in Goodyear
church now reveals that among them
are: pastor; every deacon; clerk;
treasurer; pianist; every officer and
teacher in the Sunday school; director
and every leader and sponsor in
Training Union except one (her husband
signed for the family); W. M. U.
president, secretary, young people's
leader, and two of the three circle
chairman; Brotherhood president and
secretary. Thus, the officers of the
church are practically 100 per cent
behind a worthy financial program.

Mr. Simmons did a good job with
the music. Brother Hilbun undoubtedly
used more Scripture in his messages
than any person we have ever heard.
He truly "preached the Word."
—J. Harold Jones, pastor.

—BR—

Pierce Assists Haire At Bruce

It was my privilege to do the
preaching in a series of services at
the Baptist church at Bruce, Mississippi,
the second week in July. Rev. L. F.
Haire has been pastor of this church
for the past five years. He has done
a great work during this time, leading
the church from a half time program
to full time. A beautiful new brick
church building costing about \$35,000
has been erected and paid for. Brother
Haire has resigned and is beginning
as missionary in the Deer Creek
Association August 1. There is an
unusually large group of boys and
girls and young people in this church.
The meeting was largely attended
and there were 35 additions to the
church, 25 of them coming for baptism.
The Lord gave us a real revival
that we believe will bear fruit in
the future.—A. B. Pierce.

—BR—

"Don't Be Taken In"

For a number of years young men
in parts of Africa, especially Nigeria
and Gold Coast, who have learned to
write and who have had contact with
the Christian churches have sent letters
(often with inadequate postage) to
persons and organizations whose names
they cull from periodicals. In these
letters in the most ardent evangelical
phrases they beg for Bibles, other
books, shoes, etc. Sometimes they
claim leadership of some religious
group. Those who may receive them
will be well advised to ignore them
entirely. The American Bible Society
has made careful inquiry of responsible
missionaries about this; they report
that there are adequate facilities for
purchase of Scriptures and that the
missionaries are eager to supply them
to those who want them. In many
instances these natives sell what is
sent them and pocket the money. Don't
be taken in!—Eric M. North, secretary,
American Bible Society.

MY FAVORITE SERMON (Continued from Page One)

world, and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." The words, "Whosoever will" ring like a trumpet call in the Bible, speaking to old and young, rich and poor alike.

Sound Bible doctrine is sound Baptist doctrine. We find in the abstract of principles of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this statement: "God from eternity, decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events, yet so as not in any wise to be the author of sin, nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures." The freedom of the individual will is not inconsistent with the belief in an over-ruling Providence.

For example, it was necessary that, "The Son of man goeth as is written of him, but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born." This refers of course to the betrayal by Judas Iscariot. It was also necessary for John to follow Jesus to the cross and to receive Mary into his home. John played the better part, gaining the reward that went with it. Good and evil are engaged in a constant struggle. You may be a hero or a villain in the drama of the ages.

In the broad fields of business, commerce, and professional endeavor we discover the same principle. A certain highly successful man said that if we fail to get from life the things that we desire it is for one of two reasons: either in our heart of hearts we do not desire it, or we do not desire it enough to pay the price. That does not mean that any man can excel in any art, science, or profession, but it does imply that an honest wish indicates some ability along a certain line and that if the inclination is strong enough and the price is paid, the man can make a credible showing in his profession.

II. There Are Several Reasons Why the Privilege of Choice is Necessary if Man is to Enjoy His Rightful Place as a Child of God.

There can be no virtue in doing good unless there is the possibility of doing evil. Our young people who are leading Christian lives (and we have many in this group, more than we realize, because only the bad ones receive much publicity in the secular press) deserve credit for one reason—they could lead irreligious lives. Where there is no choice there is no virtue.

The development of Christian character depends upon this same principle of truth. Resistance develops character and with resistance is the possibility of refusing to give battle to temptation. Else there is no resistance. Shakespeare has one of his characters to say:

"The fault dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves that we are underlings."

The average Baptist doesn't believe in astrology, but he does blame his circumstances. He frequently excuses himself because he has unusual temptations or that he is too busy to serve God. Henry Ward Beecher answered these evasions of duty by saying that if you cannot be a Christian where,

PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR JACKSON'S PARTICIPATION IN MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

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ter of a century.
He added, "Jackson must become the education capital of Mississippi, just as it is the state's political, financial, and medical capital. In order to accomplish this worthwhile goal we must all help our three great colleges keep in step with the educational needs of this state and area.

"In past years Jacksonians have been liberal with our other institutions and this campaign provides the opportunity for us to extend the same assistance to Mississippi College. This campaign will give the people of Jackson an opportunity to prove to the entire state their forward looking attitude toward Christian education their determination to build Greater Jackson on a foundation of Christian education for our youth unsurpassed by any city or state in the nation."

An executive committee, working with Co-chairmen Laird and Speed, includes T. M. Hederman, Sr., Greek L. Rice, Dr. D. M. Nelson and J. A. Travis.

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ARMENIAN ORTHODOX DENOUNCE VATICAN "AMBITIONS"

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the part of Christian churches can only serve as a barrier to these aims. They prepare the groundwork for a new and terrible war that may cause the destruction of millions of people and of the creative culture of mankind and bring incalculable disaster to mankind."

Among those who signed the statement were:

Catholicos Gagerin I of Cilicia; Patriarch Kiuger II of Jerusalem; Bishop Mampre Sirunian, head of the

you live and where you work that you cannot be one anywhere.

Man is helped in his journey through life when he understands that he is free in matters of choice and is therefore accountable. A sense of accountability to God should cause a rational man to govern himself accordingly. He should understand that God has provided the plan of salvation, that Christ has died for the sins of the world, and that if he refuses to repent and believe that he, and he alone, is responsible for his soul being lost.

Knowing the power of choice man can draw his own conclusions with profit—with profit to himself, his family, and his country. Cicero could paint with a verbal brush the contrasting colors of virtue and vice. We do not need, however, a ghost from the grave to remind us of the great contrast in the two ways of living. Living examples walk in our midst. We see illustrations of atheism, dissipation, and ungodliness, and we know that such causes lead to misery and ruin. While on the other hand Christianity pays in this world and the next.

"One ship drives east and another drives west

With the self-same winds that blow
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.

"Like the winds of the air the ways of fate

As we voyage along through life
'Tis the set of the soul
That decides its goal
And not the calm or the strife."



PATTIE SUE MOORE

Matthew 24:44, "Therefore be ye ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

Pattie Sue Moore, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore of Georgetown, lost her life in the tragic Gulf Transport Bus explosion on Fair river bridge near Monticello, June 20. Pattie Sue was almost 18 years of age. She was endowed with a radiant smile and an unselfish disposition.

The unusual floral offering, hundreds of letters and messages were proof of the devotion of her friends. A member of the First Baptist Church for eight years, she was regular in attendance at Sunday school and eager to help when called upon. Pattie was likewise prepared when the call came to her to "Come Home."

In her last hours she remarked to her aunt, Mrs. George Purvis, "I am ready to go." She also requested that everyone who had tried to save her life be thanked for their efforts.

Trying to spare her parents as much as possible, she requested that they remain "just outside the door" rather than have them view her face with its severe burns. In the early hours of June 21 she passed away.

On June 17 at the evening worship service at Georgetown the editor of The Baptist Record preached on the theme "Where Shall We Spend Eternity?" Pattie was present and gave much thought to the subject. Little did she know that before another Sunday evening she would have answered the question.

We, her Sunday school classmates and teacher, pause to pay tribute to one of our number who was prepared when the call came. To all our young people we feel that Pat would say, "Be ye ready to join me in the great beyond for you will not know the day or the hour when the call cometh."—Mrs. C. A. Shoemaker, teacher of the Young Ladies' class, Georgetown Baptist Church.

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From January 1, 1945, to June 24, one hundred seventy-four united with First Baptist Church, Biloxi. Seventy-one of these were civilians and one hundred three were soldiers and sailors. One hundred sixteen were on profession of faith and baptism, fifty-five by letter, and three by statement.

We appreciate a list of 14 names from Mrs. J. F. Robbins for new and renewal subscriptions from Macedonia church, Calhoun county.

Egyptian Diocese; Chief Archimandrite Vagan Kostanyan, head of the Iranian Diocese; Bishop Tiran Nersoyan of the North American Diocese; Bishop Mampre Calfayan of the California Diocese; Archbishop Karapet Mazlumian of the Greek Diocese; Bishop Grigor Karpetian of the Bulgarian Diocese; and Archimandrite Nerseyan of the Ararat Diocese.

THE FOUNDATION HOLDS FUNDS FOR SEVERAL OF OUR INSTITUTIONS

It may be of interest to many of our Baptist people to know which institutions the Foundation holds trust funds for. They are as follows: Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College, Baptist Orphanage, Clarke Memorial College, Baptist Hospital, Baptist Student's Center Building M. S. C. W., G. W. Land Trust Educational Fund, and a few thousand dollars in the Foundation general fund which is not assigned to any one institution. All institutions will share from the income from this fund. There are varying amounts held for each of these institutions. We handle these funds the same as any bank or trust company. The money and securities belong to the institutions, and is put in our possession as a trust to be invested and earn income for the benefit of the institution which owns the funds. Any person or persons desiring to add to the endowment or trust funds of any of these institutions may do so by instructing your church to send the money direct to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi, and designate that you wish the Foundation to handle these funds. When these funds reach us, we immediately send a receipt to the donor and a copy of it to the institution it is given to. In this way the institution can add the amount to the capital on its books to the endowment already held.

Other institutions and agencies of our Convention Board should be endowed during these times when money is plentiful, namely, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the expense account of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. If the expense account of these boards were adequately endowed, then every cent of the money coming from the churches could be sent directly to the missionary cause without any of it being taken out for overhead. Small gifts as well as large will help build up the needed endowment. Make gifts through your church, through Brother McCall's office and designate to whom the money is to go.

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POLAND TO GUARANTEE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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antee full freedom of conscience and belief to all."

Referring particularly to the Methodist, Baptist, and Anglican denominations which, he said, had not been given equality under Polish law, Swiatkowski added:

"Poland operates under the Constitution of 1921, and this constitution guarantees full religious freedom. Before the war, however, the government did not observe the constitution, especially in regard to religious problems."

The Polish minister said there is every reason to expect that the churches will cooperate fully with the government in reconstruction efforts. Present at the conference were Premier Edward Osukba-Morowski and other members of the Polish cabinet.

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H. V. Rankin, church clerk and treasurer of Shady Grove, Smith county, recently sent a list of 40 names and a check for \$40 for new subscriptions to the Record. This list along with others has kept our subscription list above the 51,000 mark.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

James H. Fairchild, Jr.,
State Secretary

Report on R. A. Summer Camps

"I surely have had a good time!" "This is my fourth year at R. A. camp and I'm coming again next year!" "R. A. boys who didn't come don't know what they are missing!" "So long, see you next summer at camp!" These expressions and hundreds of similar ones tell how the boys who attended felt about Royal Ambassador camps. Only eternity will reveal the far reaching spiritual influence.

We list some of the tangible results. The total number present in our six district Junior and state Intermediate R. A. camps from May 30 through June 27 was 845. This figure represents the number of boys, pastors, counselors and helpers.

The six camps were at the following places: one at Camp Tallaha, Charleston; one at Natchez Trace State Park, Houlka; and four at Clarke College, Newton. The boys represented practically every section of the state coming from 135 churches. Seventy-one boys made professions of faith in Christ Jesus as their personal Saviour. 124 boys and one counselor dedicated their lives to definite Christian service. The total contribution from camps was \$348.11. The boys in each camp voted that the offering should go for World Relief, except in two camps where percentages were designated.

Planned for Boys Recreation

Boys enjoy R. A. summer camps because the entire program is planned with the BOY in mind. Boys like to play—to compete! Hence the program includes two recreational periods each day when the boys swim, play ball, tennis, horseshoes, pillow fighting on a pole, horse and rider and many other games which test strength and skill.

Principles are placed before the boys and each one is expected to restrict his actions accordingly. Such principles as "Is it right?" "Is it fair to the other fellow?" help to create the wonderful atmosphere of friendliness, cooperation and consideration that characterized each camp.

Inspiration

Boys can be inspired! Boys like to think deeply—to think in Christian terms. At camp, each day is begun with morning watch. Ambassadors meet their King in the morning when the day is full, promising and unsold. In the evenings there are vesper services. Just before the time to retire the boys go to their cabins and the counselors lead them in their chapter devotionals. Many of the boys pray, all listen thoughtfully. Lights are out at the sound of taps. Some fall asleep immediately. Some lie in bed and think—think seriously. The reality of Christ and His nearness grips them. They think of all they've heard that day and how it should apply personally. Sometimes even after lights are out there are questions directed to the counselor. "How can one know he is a Christian?" one asks. This opens the way for another, "How can one know what the Lord would have him do in life?" Oh readers, can you imagine the thrill

of trying to help a boy who seeks the answers to these greatest of life's questions?

Instruction

Ambassadors must be informed of Christ and His work. Each day study classes are held which enables the boys to work on their ranks. Some of these require that each boy give Scriptures and references of the plan of salvation, and the duties of the Christian life. They hear stories of missionaries, learn of the work of the State and Southwide Baptist Convention Boards, their locations, secretaries and their work. The boys should read a mission study book, make a map-talk on one of Paul's missionary journeys, learn outline of Baptist beliefs—and many others too numerous to mention here. You're right, these requirements call for work. But no one will work harder than a boy when he is inspired with a purpose.

Another medium of instruction found on schedule is a forty-five minute mission study period. The boys are taught a book on missions. They come to know the people, their customs, their physical needs, and the greatest of all needs, Jesus Christ. Yes, in a day when so many are taught hatred and vengeance, R. A's are taught forgiveness and love. Ours is the task, the opportunity of rebuilding the world. One world—an admixture of races, colors, habits, but one world in the need of Christ. One is the purpose of Christ.

We salute the twenty-six pastors and twenty-nine counselors who attended camps and many of whom worked so faithfully and efficiently in ranking and mission study classes.

Please send your coupons for the Baptist Orphanage so they will reach us before July 31. We will receive double value for them up to that time.

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Springhill Church Has VBS

Springhill church (Copolah county) has just completed the first Vacation Bible school in several years. The school was held July 9-13 in connection with the revival in order to cooperate with the government request to save tires and gasoline. With this combined effort it was possible to use two school buses each day to bring the children. Sixty-three young people were reached and twenty of these came to know Christ as Saviour through the teaching of God's word and the faithful preaching of the gospel by Rev. H. S. Inabnit from Prichard, Alabama.

A faithful and efficient faculty worked with the principal, Mrs. Bill Hodge, of Jackson; pianist, Mrs. W. M. Herron; Primary superintendent, Mrs. B. O. Morgan; Junior superintendent, Mrs. W. M. Herron; Intermediate superintendent, Miss Helen Lupo.

Rev. Robert Lee is pastor of this growing church.

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The revival for Longview church will begin August 5. Rev. Ed F. Grayson of Meridian will preach and Rev. Thurman Stone of Newton will have charge of the music.—C. E. Snowden, pastor.



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

North Side, Jackson, Organizes

On Tuesday night, July 10, the men of the North Side Baptist Church, Jackson, organized a Brotherhood. Twenty men met on the spacious back lawn of H. T. Harrison. The pastor, Rev. W. L. Compere, led in the meeting until the election of officers. He led especially in the first thirty-minute period of fellowship and watermelon eating.

A nominating committee which had been appointed at a previous meeting reported. Officers elected were, president, Elbert Guynes; membership vice-president, J. H. Pridgen; secretary-treasurer, W. N. Still. Other officers will be supplied.

Meetings will be held monthly on Tuesday night after each second Sunday. The Journal will be supplied to every member of the organization. Each member will also be provided a copy of "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood."

Fall District Meetings

Beginning the week following the State Convention, a series of District Brotherhood Conferences will be held throughout Mississippi. Arrangements have already been made to have Mr. Lawson H. Cooke, general secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Memphis, and State Mission Secretary McCall, Jackson, in these meetings. The purpose of the conferences will be to introduce the Brotherhood program in all its relations to those who are not familiar with it, to stimulate and inspire Brotherhoods already functioning, and to encourage and assist in associational Brotherhood organizations. One of these meetings will be held in each of the eight districts used in the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Dates for the meetings will begin on November 19, and the last one will be held on November 28. The fact that this period embraces the Thanksgiving holidays was considered; but it was the only time the series could be held.

A fuller program will be released soon, and the places and exact dates of the meetings will be given.

Illinois Encampment

Dr. Hendon M. Harris, Clinton, who was the principal speaker on the program, tells of a most successful two-day meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood of Illinois. The meeting was held at Lake Salateeska, the Illinois Baptist encampment. It began Tuesday, July 3, and continued through Wednesday night. The program included round table conferences on timely topics and inspirational hours. Mr. Hugh F. Latimer, of the Southwide office, Memphis, was on the program. Dr. Harris made the closing addresses in the three principal sessions. He spoke on "Everyday Religion," "Christianizing the World," and "Men Working with God." Dr. Harris states that the meeting was most helpful and inspiring.

Associational Meetings

Some of our Mississippi associational Brotherhoods make much of their summer quarterly meetings. Jones county has been very successful in these. Covington county held its summer meeting at Mt. Olive on July 17; and Lauderdale held an associational rally with the Highland

Baptist Church on July 19. Fuller reports of these meetings will be given later.

Quotes from Pastors

Brother D. W. Nix says: "I am anxious to get a Brotherhood started here (Friendship, Pike). I organized the Brotherhood at Juniper Grove, in Pearl River county. The organization was set up the first year I was there and is still going fine. I am definitely sold on the Brotherhood work and think every church should have an organization."

Brother J. Harold Jones (address Picayune) writes: During the past several years, Goodyear Brotherhood has been sponsoring a weekly street service in Picayune over a public address system owned by the Brotherhood. These laymen are in complete charge of the services. They make their own arrangements for visiting preachers for these services. We feel that definite good is done through this Brotherhood ministry.

"Also the Brotherhood furnishes copies of the book 'Stewardship of Sorrow' to the pastor to be distributed as he sees fit.

"The Brotherhood sponsors cottage prayer meetings preceding revival meetings.

"Recently they presented a program in another church on Father's Day; and in June they presented a program in a night service on: 'Every Man in His Place.'"

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Mrs. Mize Writes Record Readers

Greetings! We are having a very pleasant summer at the orphanage. Many children have gone on visits, while others have taken the advice, "Enjoy your vacation at home."

In checking over our clothes for midsummer and early school days, our store room is depleted along some lines. We need dresses for girls 8 through 16 years of age. We have a surplus of ladies' dresses that can not be altered to fit Junior and Intermediate girls.

If you have good wearable clothes that your girls have outgrown, please send them to us now instead of waiting for the Thanksgiving shipment. The same is true of underwear, especially pajamas.

We have found "scarce items" in the smaller towns whereupon the stores in larger places can not possibly supply the demands of their communities.

Now, the boys are not to be overlooked. There has been a noticeable scarcity of boys' clothing on the market. Remember our lads 3 to 16 years old with clothes to be worn now. We have some woollens but few cottons.

With appreciation always for your cooperation.

MRS. W. G. MIZE,
Baptist Orphanage.

July 17, 1945.

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During the month of June, 1945, 77 were received into the fellowship of First Baptist Church, Biloxi. Forty-eight of these were received during the revival meeting, June 17-24, in which Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans and Bill Nason of Kosciusko assisted. Of the seventy-seven, 34 were civilians, and 43 were soldiers and sailors.—G. C. Hodge, pastor.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for July 29

GOD'S PROMISE OF A NATION Genesis 17-18

The promise of God to childless Abram that he should be the progenitor of a mighty nation, while not to be fulfilled in Ishmael, was confirmed in the covenant of circumcision and clarified in the forecast of Isaac's birth. The prayers of Abraham to his covenant-keeping God are high points in his life; as, at Hebron where he entertained the angels, and near Sodom where he made intercession for that wicked city, the home of Lot and his family.

Lesson Text and Outline Genesis 17:1-10

- I. The Lord Revealing (17:1-2).
- II. The Patriarch Responding (17:3-5).
- III. The Covenant Renewed (17:6-8).
- IV. The Ceremonial Required (17:9-10).

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The Giver of the covenant was the Lord who revealed Himself under a new name. (1) The appearance. Abram was ninety-nine and Sarah nearly ninety; "she was past age" and he "as good as dead" (Heb. 11:11-12). Only three times in the twenty-five years since his coming to Canaan had the Lord appeared to Abram, the last nearly fourteen years ago. Was Abram beginning to think that Ishmael (now 13) was, after all, the promised child? Indeed, did he not pray for the lad he loved, "O that Ishmael might live before thee!"? So the Lord now appeared to him audibly (not in a dream or vision), perhaps visibly (as an angel), and revealed himself for the first time as "the Almighty God" who in His omnipotence is graciously all-sufficient and infinitely satisfying. (This new name occurs elsewhere, as in Genesis six times, in Job 31 times, and in 2 Corinthians 6:18, first in New Testament.) God is the Almighty! (2) The command. As "Enoch walked with God" in constant communion, so Abram must "walk before" God under ceaseless, though sympathetic, surveillance. The Almighty is all-seeing; remember that! Why, then, any lapse in loyalty, lack of faith, or impatience? Therefore, the further duty: "Be thou perfect," blameless, complete. Aim at the unattainable and—attain it by God's grace! (3) The promise. God initiates and initials "my covenant between me and thee." And to the precise point at the moment was the promise to "multiply thee exceedingly."

2. The recipient of the covenant was Abram who was awarded a new name. (1) Abram worships the Almighty. See him drop to his knees and fall on his face, his forehead touching the ground in deep humility and reverence before God. In silence he awaited further revelation. (2) Abram becomes Abraham. Since the childless centenarian is to be "a father of many nations," his name is now changed by adding the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet (called the letter of grace, being also used in the new names of Sarah and Joshua). The descendants of Abraham include mainly the Jews, but also Ishmaelites, Edomites, and Midianites.

3. The terms of the covenant were

declared in a new confirmation. What God had said to Abraham at Haran, at Bethel, and at Mamre was here reaffirmed and expanded. (1) Posterity: a multitude of descendants; the nation and many nations: "and kings (e.g. David and Solomon) shall come out of thee." (2) Piety: a compact that called for covenant-keeping by "thy seed after thee in their generations." (3) Perpetuity: with God as their God through all coming generations, the covenant between them and God is "an everlasting covenant" holding spiritually for ever. (4) Possession: "all the land of Canaan," from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates (Gen. 15:18), granted in fact but received figuratively as "an everlasting possession" spiritually. (5) Proprietorship: the Giver must own the people with the land—"I will be their God." Truly the earth is the Lord's and His people are the sheep of His pasture.

4. The seal of the covenant was required in a new ceremonial. (1) The general requirement. God must be obeyed by the patriarch and his posterity, generation after generation, or he will not, cannot, be "their God." Therefore they individually and collectively, all-along the line and all down the line, must "keep my covenant." (2) The specific rite. By it God "desired to impress men by symbol with the impurity of nature and with our dependence on God for the production of all acceptable life" (Dods). Observed by ancient Egyptians and Phenicians and modern Mohammedan nations, the latter performing the rite at twelve preliminary to marriage, it has for the Hebrews special significance as a sign of the covenant between God and His people, infants being thus devoted to God. Note for us its spiritual significance (Rom. 2:28-29).

The Lesson of the Lesson

Keep God's Covenant

(1) A covenant from God. Here are three of the divine names: verse 3—"God" (plural as in Gen. 1:1, expressing the Trinity), the creator of all things; verse 1—"The Lord" (Jehovah) the creator in His covenant relations, and "the Almighty God" whose might and mercy can supply all need.

(2) A covenant with God. "My covenant between me and thee." Is it possible that the holy God, Creator and Preserver of the universe, is willing to form a compact with willing men and even proposes it? Even so; and therein is our highest privilege and our bounden duty.

(3) A covenant of grace. "I will make . . . I will establish . . . I will give." What good is it that God has not done and will not do? His love is active and His grace is abounding. "Amazing grace!"

(4) A covenant of goodness. "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." Be conscious of the gaze of God upon you in every thought and word and act. Then be guileless, unblamable, perfect in that righteousness which must be imputed and imparted to you by Christ.

(5) A covenant of spirituality. "The Lord appeared to Abram. . . And Abram fell on his face." There was profound humility. There was sincere reverence. There was spiritual worship. And always God is seeking such to worship Him.

(6) A covenant of service. "Keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee." Man must do his part: the patriarch, of course, but not



MISS MARJORIE WEST

NEW WORKER GOES TO WEST POINT

Miss Marjorie West of Sardis will become assistant to Pastor Leon Maccon of First church, West Point, on August 1.

Miss West is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. While a student at Blue Mountain she served as president of the Baptist Student Union, received the Tyler award for the student who best exemplified the Christian virtues and was elected May Queen.

—BR—

A list of twelve renewal subscriptions was received recently from Mrs. Alton Smith from Big Springs church, Lincoln county.

he alone; for everyone in every age must exercise his privilege or forfeit it. Keep it, and be kept!

(7) A covenant forever. "An everlasting covenant." It is good equally for a day and for a decade, for centuries and milleniums—and infinitely beyond. It is a covenant that overleaps race and clime, and outlasts space and time. For ever and ever!

Gold in the Golden Text

I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. Genesis 17:7.

The parties to the covenant are: God whose limitless power is pledged to His redemptive program; the patriarch whose faith was counted to him for righteousness; and Abraham's racial and religious descendants who keep the covenant with like faith and fidelity.

The privilege under the covenant insures and includes the supply of every need, equipment for every service, and assurance of every happiness not only here but also in the eternal hereafter. Who would not eagerly and instantly enter into covenant with God?

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Johnson Hears Plea

Recently the circulation department of The Baptist Record sent a letter to Mississippi Baptist pastors urging them to present The Baptist Record during their own revival meetings or in churches where they were the visiting preachers.

The first response came from Rev. W. T. Johnson. He writes: "I did what you told me. I have been in a meeting at Olive church four miles west of Lumberton and have presented The Baptist Record."

"The names and addresses follow. There are eight of them."

Editor's note: If each of the 7000 Mississippi Baptist pastors would average eight subscriptions the circulation of The Baptist Record would increase by 5,600.

SARDIS (COPIAH COUNTY)

We had the enviable privilege of assisting the beloved Dr. T. W. Green, pastor of Sardis church, in their annual revival.

The Sardis saints can "take it." This was our third time to preach for them in revival services.

There were 21 additions. The people came in large numbers. Many years ago the father of Rev. T. W. Green was pastor of the church. The church adopted a budget and after trying it for sometime is well pleased. Organization leaders are: Sunday school, E. H. Beall; B. T. U., Mrs. J. O. Wallace; W. M. U., Mrs. S. L. Windham; Brotherhood, Kenneth James. Sardis is an EVERY FAMILY Plan church.

Copiah county Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHEL 45, CARPENTER 28, COUNTY LINE 31, CRYSTAL SPRINGS 312, GALLMAN 27, GALILEE 16, GATESVILLE 9, GEORGETOWN 40, HARMONY 40, HAZLEHURST 111, HOPEWELL 30, NEW PROVIDENCE 19, NEW ZION 68, PINE BLUFF 36, Mission Hill 1, PILGRIM'S REST 43, PLEASANT HILL 34, POPLAR SPRINGS 25, ROCKPORT 3, SARDIS 33, SHADY GROVE 48, SPRING HILL 63, STRONG HOPE 41, WESSON 22, SMYRNA 21, DAMASCUS 12, ANTIOCH 17, SYLVARENA 44.

—BR—

There were 22 additions in our revival the week of July 8-13 when Pastor A. J. Chandler of Magee's Creek church, Walthall county, was assisted by the Rev. T. R. Coulter of Hattiesburg, who did the preaching. The music was led by Mr. Roberts of Monticello. Twenty-six were baptized on the morning of July 15.



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Vaughan Resigns At Southside, Meridian



CLARIFIES TAX EXEMPTION RIGHTS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Minneapolis—(RNS)—Tax exemption rights on property owned by a religious group were clarified when Hennepin County District Judge William A. Anderson ordered the board of foreign missions of the Lutheran Augustana Synod to pay \$815.54 in delinquent taxes and penalties on property it owns here.

The synod contended the property should be classified as a parsonage because it was the home of the board's executive director, the Rev. S. Hjalmar Swanson, an ordained clergyman.

The court ruled that under the state constitution, a parsonage would be exempt from taxation if "used in connection with a church edifice."

"If the residence of the executive director is exempt from taxation, so also would be any dwelling property owned by the defendant and used as a residence by its bookkeeper, stenographer, or its filing clerk," Judge Anderson said.

—BR—
MRS. WILL F. RISHER

One year ago Mrs. Will F. Risher of Pachuta, Mississippi, suddenly and quietly fell asleep. She was born November 19, 1876, the daughter of Major James Knox Thigpen and Mrs. Mellie Bufkin Thigpen. When a young woman she was married to Will F. Risher and they reared a family of three children, James Knox, Mellie Bell and Birdie Cooper. Mr. Risher preceded her in death by a few years, but each of the children survives them to cherish their memory. Mrs. Risher was a devout member of the Baptist church and a very faithful and consecrated Christian. Her loyalty to her church and to her Lord was an inspiration to all who knew her, and her service was loving and fruitful. She was always quiet and simple in her manner, but deeply zealous and spiritual in her life.

The end came to Mrs. Risher very peacefully on August 11, 1944. She has been gone on for about one year, but the beauty and power of her influence still abides and, while she rests from her labors, her works follow after her.

"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,

After serving 27 years as pastor of South Side Baptist Church in Meridian, the Rev. Blanding S. Vaughan resigned, effective July 15. Brother Vaughan stated, "The 27 years have been the best of my life, but this is the Lord's work and we are His people, and we must be willing to do His will in everything. At present I am not able to do anything but as long as I am pastor, the responsibility is just the same and I will have to give up the responsibility."

The Rev. Mr. Vaughan served for thirteen months in the army as World War I chaplain and during his absence the work at South Side was carried on by his brother, the Rev. H. T. Vaughan.

During Brother Vaughan's ministry, the handsome new church building was erected without a penny's indebtedness. The entire building program was completed on a "pay as you go" basis. The building has been occupied twelve years.

The splendid financial condition of the church is attributed to the fact that the entire church program is operated on a tithe and offering plan.

Reluctantly accepting Brother Vaughan's resignation, the church voted unanimously to make him pastor emeritus for life.

The Rev. Mr. Vaughan, dean of Meridian pastors, is loved by the entire city of Meridian and surrounding communities. Mrs. Vaughan is a teacher in the Sunday school and is leader of the Business Women's Circle of the WMS. She has given of her time and talents in building a better church and community.

When Brother Vaughan came to Meridian, the church membership at South Side was 400 and the Sunday school enrollment 295. At the present time the membership is 800 and the Sunday school enrollment is 547. Every organization of the church has grown through the years, and a Training Union and Brotherhood have been organized.

—BR—
Rev. B. F. Odom of Kosciusko was called to the pastorate of the Silver City church about a month ago.—Mrs. C. T. Patterson.

Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest."

—J. E. WILLS.

Reports Bible Publishing Resumed In Germany

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—American occupation authorities are encouraging efforts to publish Bibles in Germany, it was announced here by Col. Albert L. Warner, of the War Department's public relations division. A former Nazi plant in Munich is being used for printing Bibles and religious periodicals suppressed by the Nazis, he said.

—BR—

We had a very successful V. B. S. at the Long Beach church. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Roberts of the Sunday School Department directed the school assisted by local talent. This was the first V. B. S. to be held in this church but plans are to have one every year. Soon after the VBS closed revival services began with the pastor preaching a part of the first week and Rev. Joe T. Odle preaching the second week. His messages were true to the Bible. There were 13 additions to the church membership and nine of these came on profession of faith. Since the meeting closed two others have joined the church for baptism.—W. A. Trotman, pastor.

Chaplain Britt Goes To Texas

Chaplain Floyd M. Britt, who had been stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., for almost two years, was recently transferred to Amarillo, Texas. While at Keesler Field, Chaplain Britt spent much of his time working with Negro troops; and is to be commended for the fine work he did among them in creating good will and a high morale.

Chaplain Britt is a native of Wesson. For a number of years he was superintendent of schools at Silver Creek, and has taught in a number

of schools in the state. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. He has also pastored many churches throughout the state. At the time of his entry into the armed forces as chaplain, he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

Chaplain Britt's wife, the former Miss Mary Ethel Smith, resides with two of their children at Wesson. The eldest son is with the navy in the South Pacific. One of his daughters is a senior at Mississippi College.

Slurring Remarks About Bible Called Legal Offense

Little Rock, Ark.—(RNS)—Attorney General Guy E. Williams has warned that a public school teacher in Arkansas who makes slurring remarks about the Bible in the classroom is subject to prosecution under an initiated act of 1930 which provides for daily Bible reading without comment in the state's public schools.

The decision answered the Rev. Russell J. Clubb, Baptist pastor at Tyronza, Ark., who queried concerning a Tyronza teacher who, he said, "is repeatedly making slurring remarks to the children about believing the Bible." The minister said the teacher made such remarks as "Surely you don't believe all the Bible, do you?"

Mr. Williams wrote that the 1930 law "made it the duty of every teacher or other person in charge of public tax-supported schools to provide for the reverent daily reading of the Bible without any comment from the teacher whatever."

The act is broad enough, he said, to cover slurring remarks made by the teacher to the pupils in the course of instruction, "whether made immediately in connection with the scripture reading or not."

Willful violation of the act is subject to a fine of not more than \$25 for each offense, and upon conviction, "the position held by such teacher automatically becomes vacant and any contract for services of such teacher

becomes null and void."

Mr. Clubb was told he should report the teacher's alleged slurs to the school board that they may institute proper action.

—BR—

Pastor A. M. Davis of O'Zion church was assisted in their revival by Rev. J. W. Burnette of Brookhaven. There were four additions, three of whom were for baptism. Brother Burnette brought gospel messages which showed us our responsibilities.—Reporter.

Carmel church, Lawrence county, enrolled 105 in their Training Union study course. Eighty-five took the examination and 17 were members of the Story Hour. Pastor D. O. Horne taught the young people and adults; Mrs. Woodrow Wilson taught the Intermediates; Mrs. Shelby Russell the Juniors and Mrs. Wilmer Neal the children in the Story Hour.—Betty Jo Hedgepeth, B. T. U. secretary.

The branch Sunday school sponsored by the Leland church has grown from 62 on the first Sunday to 95. The peak attendance was 107. There have been 24 additions to the church, 21 of whom were for baptism. Practically all the additions were parents or grandparents. Plans are to hold a VBS and revival simultaneously. We are now meeting in two tenant houses. Contributions amounting to \$700 have been received without solicitation for a new building for this mission.—Chester L. Quarles.

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Sumner's New Pastor

We are happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Frank Campbell back to Mississippi. Mr. Campbell is the son of Dr. Bracey Campbell, pastor of the Marks church, and Mrs. Campbell is the former Miss Electra Warren, before her marriage office secretary in the Training Union Department of Mississippi. They come to serve the Sumner church, and Mrs. J. C. Shanks of the Training Union of the Sumner church writes that they look forward to a much better Training Union now, having been without a pastor now for several months. Congratulations to all concerned.

Study Course Record First Six Months of 1945

Good and bad would be the answer to the question about the study course record for Mississippi the first six months of 1945. The total number of awards issued, 8,200. District 15 led with 1,229; District 1 came next with 1,004; then in order: District 13, 810; District 8, 702; District 10, 593; District 5, 572; District 11, 563; District 14, 561; District 2, 543; District 12, 527; District 4, 343; District 6, 274; District 7, 172; District 3, 155; District 9, 152. That looks very good, yet there are individual churches who, with only a third of the church members taking a study course could have had as many awards as did the entire 15th district which led in number. 207 churches out of our nearly 1600 had a study course, or 13% of the churches, meaning 87% of the churches have not had a study course this year. Many will have before the year is gone, but all churches should, for better trained members, have several study courses a year. Fourteen entire associations had no study course in these first six months. They are Union, Carroll, Montgomery, Talahatchie, Tate, Itawamba, Tishomingo, Clay, Zion, Kemper, Noxubee, Holmes, Leake, Marion, Liberty.

* "Prayer must mean something to US if it is to mean anything to God."

IF

If I were a "Mom" or a man called "Dad,"
If I could say "Son" to a service lad,
If that were my "sailor" far out from the land,
If "my soldier" fought on a desert sand,
If that were "my boy" and I should feel
That tomorrow he'd face the bullets of steel,
I'D WALK, I'D RUN, I'D CRAWL, to get where
Some folks who know Jesus would join me in prayer.

If I had a "son" who was likely to go,
If his letter said "soon, but none of us know,"
If this were "my lad"—though he'd always be
In the camps, or the ports of this country,
If he had been spared from sickness and sin,
I'd walk, I'd run, I'd crawl, if need be
To the house of my God who spares him to me.

—Bulletin of Unity Baptist

Church, Ashland, Ky.

Burnsville Has V. B. S. Along with B. T. U. Study Course

Miss Louise Hill reporting a good week with the Burnsville church, Tishomingo Association. The Training Union study course was taught at night and during the day Miss Hill served as principal of the Vacation Bible school. The average attendance was 27 and the offering to state missions was \$20.20. Mrs. A. H. Montgomery, Mrs. Edith Foote, Miss Lois Boothe and Miss Betty Jo Gilliland were helpers in the school. The Montgomery home was the scene of fun and food on Friday as all came for a good time and picnic lunch.

Liberty in Union County Organizes Union

Liberty church in Union county had the privilege and pleasure of having Miss Norma Lee Smith of Greenwood with them for a study course recently. This good church, with a beautiful new building, had no union at the beginning of the week, but at the close of the week a well organized union had been set up. Congratulations are in order. We are indebted to Mrs. W. T. Humphreys for a report of this week's work.

Good reports are coming in from our special workers this summer. We appreciate the cooperation on the part of the churches. The Lord blesses the work that is done in His name.

All directors received recently a folder, the first announcement about Intermediate Emphasis Week, scheduled for September 9-16. It is a Southwide program. Give the Intermediate a fair chance. They will be our men and women, running the affairs of the church and state, ten or fifteen years from now.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHURCHES REPORTING LARGEST NUMBER OF BAPTISMS IN 1944 (Compiled from Associational Minutes in Baptist Headquarters)

1. Jackson, Calvary	109	56-66. Baldwyn	29
2-3. Watts Memorial	101	Goodyear (Pearl River)	30
Greenville, First	101	Columbus, Calvary	30
4. Columbus, First	95	55-66. Baldwyn	29
5. Jackson, First	93	Pontotoc	29
6. Clarksdale	91	Magnolia	29
7. Vicksburg, First	80	Magnolia	29
8. West Laurel	76	Salem (Marshall)	29
9. East McComb	69	Summit	29
10-12. McComb, First	63	Waynesboro, First	29
New Albany	63	Eupora	29
Boyle	63	Meridian, 15th Avenue	29
13. Linn	60	Ellisville	29
14. Greenwood, Calvary	59	Kolola Springs	29
15. West Side, Natchez	58	Stonewall	29
16-17. Tupelo, First	56	67-70. Laurel, Beacon	28
Jackson, Davis Memorial	56	Moorhead	28
18. Louisville	55	Shelby	28
19. Cleveland	54	Corinth, Tate Street	28
20. Jackson, Parkway	52	71-73. Columbia, First	27
21-22. Unity (Jackson county)	51	Yazoo City	27
Laurel, First	51	Birmingham (Lee)	27
23. Issaquena	49	74-78. New Prospect (Lincoln)	26
24-25. Pascagoula, First	48	New Prospect (Union)	26
West Point, First	48	Glenfield (Union county)	26
26. Taylorsville	46	Southside, Jackson	26
27. Crowder	45	Clinton	26
28-30. Murphy Creek	43	79-85. Liberty (Pontotoc)	25
Jackson, Griffith	43	Fernwood	25
Hebron (Clay county)	43	Hollandale	25
31. Gulfport, First	42	Leakesville	25
32-33. Meridian, First Avenue	41	Columbus, East End	25
West Corinth	41	Meadville	25
34-35. Paynes	40	Hazlehurst	25
Macedonia (Union county)	40	86-92. Sardis (Smith)	24
36-37. Brookhaven, First	38	Juniper Grove	24
Meridian, First	38	Starkville, First	24
38-40. East Tupelo	37	Greenwood, First	24
Macedonia (Lincoln county)	37	Port Gibson	24
Grenada, First	37	Evansville (Tate)	24
41-43. Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	36	Hermanville	24
Darlove	36	93-104. Bethany (Sunflower)	23
Alexander Memorial	36	Darling	23
44. Pine Bluff (Copiah)	34	Eastside Mission (Perry)	23
45. Forest	33	Picayune, First	23
46-48. Drew	32	Bogue Chitto	23
Philadelphia, First	32	Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	23
Carson Ridge	32	Itta Bena	23
49-52. McComb, Central	31	Coldwater (Marshall)	23
Meridian, 8th Avenue	31	Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln)	23
Escatawpa	31	Salem (Walthall)	23
Kosciusko, First	31	Leland	23
		Providence (Lawrence)	23

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What a splendid testimony as to the benefits of a regular and thorough study of these fine books in this course! Every teacher, as well as officer and member of any school, can be much more useful in this same way.

This fine teacher is doing a lot of this work by the individual study method; the thing that so many others should also do.

We greatly appreciate this fine testimony.

And Here's Another!

"We closed our Vacation Bible school today," writes Mrs. Ernest E. Barton, Derma, Miss. She continues, "I feel that the Vacation Bible school is the need of every church. It teaches our boys and girls to work together, play together, study together, hiding God's Word in their hearts, which brings blessings now and in the future years. No church can afford to miss having a Vacation Bible school each year."

And how true a statement this is! Isn't it a pity that thousands of our boys and girls must each summer go without the blessings and benefits of the Vacation school simply because pastors, superintendents and others will not include one in their plans for the summer's work. It is not too late yet to have one this year, but you will have to hurry. August is the last month.

Our Summer Workers

We are just as proud of our extra summer workers as we can be! We are proud of them for what they are; for their interest in the Lord's work; for their desire to serve without hope of much financial return; for a willingness to serve even in remote areas and to do it gladly.

This year we have as fine a group of these young people as we have ever had. In fact, each year seems to give us the best thus far. That is because they are all fine. We are justly proud of the splendid record these young men and young women have made for us during these many years of this type of work. We do not recall an adverse criticism so far on their work and influence. They have done good work, and conducted themselves as Christians should. As a result, many, many people have been helped and churches led out to greater things for Christ.

We are so happy to give below a statement from a Sunday school superintendent regarding the work of one of our summer workers who was in his church recently for both a Vacation Bible school and a Sunday school study course. This man is also associational Sunday school superintendent, as well as a leading businessman in his town. His statement follows:

"I want to report to you that we have just closed our Vacation Bible

school and study course. In Miss—

I believe you have the material for one of the best workers I have ever seen. Personally, I think she has done us more good than any school we have had in a long time because the young people like her and she can get more out of them than most people. Too, she is much in earnest about her work. If we have a worker next year, we would like to have her back. She is fine in the study course also."

Mississippi Baptists should feel good over such a statement from a fine businessman who is also a good Christian worker. We are very careful in the selection of these workers each summer. They represent the work of Christ; they represent Mississippi Baptists; they represent Christ. They have not yet disappointed us, and how proud we are of them! Thank the Lord for all His matchless blessings in the many and varied services rendered by so many each year in all phases of the work.

Our summer workers this year are: Misses Jackie Thompson, D'Lo; Nan Moore, Philadelphia; Lavonne Price, Bogue Chitto; Ethel Walley, Overt; Ethel Barnette, Poplarville; Frances Jane Thompson, Merigold; Ruth Harwood, Guntown; Fay Haire, Bruce; Annette Horne, Monticello; Frances E. Smith, Batesville; Margaret Bibb, Drew; Willodeane Langston, Foxworth; Betty C. Freeman, Hattiesburg; Miriam Hollis, Chalybeate; Lois K. Jones, Waynesboro; Fay Sides, Moscow, Tenn., and Mr. Henry Joe Bennett, Sarepta.

It will be seen that they are from Dan to Beersheba; from North to South; from East to West; from here to yonder—mostly yonder in the work—and in it all trying to be good servants of Christ.

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Fairbanks, Alaska

July 7, 1945

Dear Friends:

Thirteen months ago Mrs. Dunkin and I left Louisiana to go to Alaska, under God's leadership, to do missionary work. After a long trip across the states to Seattle, Washington, we boarded a ship for Alaska. We drove from Valdez along the Richardson Hi-Way, and arrived in Fairbanks August 23.

On August 25, after search—to no avail—for even a sleeping room, we bought an 8x10 tent and a bed. We then rented a lot, pitched our tent; and started building a small house. We moved in it the day of our first snow—September 2, 1944.

We secured, the following week, a meeting place at the Masonic Temple; and made arrangements to have our first Sept. 17. We were then ready to preach in a land that had not heard the message we Baptists have. Anchorage, Alaska, has the only other Baptist work which was organized a year to the day before our work by Major Aubrey C. Halsell.

Since opening the First Baptist Mission, we have had thirteen by letter, eleven on profession of faith, and three for baptism. One converted boy—an Eskimo—has surrendered to preach. We are now corresponding with the pastor of our mother church, J. C. Wells, Lafayette, La., concerning him. Arrangements are being made for him to attend our Baptist Academy, Church Point, La., to prepare for a ministry among his own people here in Alaska.

During this past year we have made no effort to solicit any outside help. This work has been, entirely, a faith project. Although we have received some help from the W. M. S., Coushatta, La., Putman Baptist Church, Putman City, Okla., and the First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La. This has helped us to have, at this time, \$500 in our building fund.

This next month we must find a new meeting place. The calendar of the Masonic organizations is such that our meetings will conflict.

If we are to keep our foothold here in Fairbanks, and further the cause of Christ, WE MUST HAVE A CHURCH HOME. To do this we must ask and receive help from one source—SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

Mrs. Dunkin and I took the money from the sale of our home in Oklahoma City, Okla., to finance our expenses to Alaska. We have taken the balance—\$1200, and made a down payment on a lot costing \$4,000. This lot has a frontage of 140 feet and its depth is 80 feet. The excavating for the basement is almost all done; and half of the concrete wall for the basement is already in. WE ARE READY TO BUILD.

Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary for the 1560 Baptist churches of Mississippi who was a recent visitor here, stated in an article in the June 14 Baptist Record, and I quote, "Baptists are failing Christ if they fail Alaska! It is an opportunity of a life time for CHRIST'S work!"

We have laid the foundation for Christ's work here. Will you help us build on this foundation by having a part in this enterprise for HIM we are now undertaking?

We covet your prayers for our work here, that we might follow God's leadership in all things.

We are praying that you will be led to give generously for the CAUSE OF CHRIST IN ALASKA.

Sincerely, Christ's Servant,

C. O. DUNKIN, Pastor.

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Lee County Service Man Writes Of His Faith

Troy Lee Loden, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Loden of Tupelo, Rt. 3, who



is a seaman 2/c, writes of his Christian faith to his parents as follows: "Mom, you don't know how happy I am because I have the Lord with me. . . . I don't feel that I could go on without Him. I know I could not be as happy and well off. He helps me in everything. I want to do what is right. I wish everyone knew how easy it is to trust the Lord."

Seaman Loden also sent a prayer which he had written giving thanks for the care and guidance of his parents and for their prayers. He is a member of Bissell Baptist Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE July 22, 1945

	SS	BTU
Brookhaven, First	384	92
Centerville	117	42
Crystal Springs	401	101
Ellison Ridge, Winston county	134	196
Agricola	96	58
Bruce	60	
Houlka, Chickasaw county	84	53
Enon, Panola county	62	92
Center, Union county	102	38
New Augusta	53	15
Rocky Creek, George county	83	51
Clarke-Venable, Decatur	261	67
Cross Roads, Webster county	112	
Ackerman	126	46
Winona, First	239	42
Liberty	162	
Spring Hill, Simpson county	40	
Vicksburg, First	419	106
Jackson, Parkway	380	135
Jackson, First	815	231
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	459	201
New Albany, First	428	170
Jackson, Calvary	858	195
Corinth, Pearl River county	41	20

July 15

Spring Hill, Simpson county	33
West Point, First	301
Vicksburg, First	439
Ellison Ridge, Winston county	158
Poplar Flat, Winston county	83

CHURCHES URGED TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Syracuse, N. Y.—(RNS)—More active and effective church participation in community affairs was urged here by the New York State Institute of Community Affairs in a report on "the role of religion in community betterment."

Calling on both clergy and laity to take part in community efforts "as an expression of their religious obligations," the institute suggested that churches conduct forums on community and world affairs and cooperate with community councils.

Asserting that "democracy is a spiritual ideal," the report added: "This means that churches and synagogues have a heavy responsibility. They must be ahead of secular institutions in their mental and spiritual understanding, in their grasp of individual and community needs."

Brooklyn: We enrolled 101 in our VBS and had an average attendance of 92. There were seven professions of faith on the last day of the school. Our mission offering amounted to \$20. Mrs. Fred Moseley served as principal of the school.

Foreign Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

March, 1944

Joe W. Burton, Secretary of Education

Missionary John Abernathy recently baptized nineteen young Chinese men in the Chialing river, near Chungking, China. They had been saved in an interpreter's school where he was a teacher. More than sixty of China's finest men have made professions of faith during the last five months under the ministry of Missionaries Abernathy and Nichols. "Later. Letter and cable just received report forty more baptisms and a Baptist church organized in Chungking." E. C. Routh.

An analysis of the expenditures of the Foreign Mission Board, 1944, shows that its administrative expense is only 2.61% of all expenses. Including promotion and miscellaneous items, the total expense is only 7.31%. In other words, nearly 93c out of every dollar given for foreign missions goes to the foreign fields.

Recently a mother, who is a member of the Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina, of which Dr. W. R. Pettigrew is pastor, placed into the hands of her pastor \$200, after the tidings came of the death of her son on Iwo Jima, saying: "Pastor, if we had been giving more for foreign missions, it is possible that we would not now be fighting the Japanese and my son would still be alive. We want this money to go for foreign missions in memory of him." Pastor Pettigrew writes us that she plans also to add to this fund the tithe of his insurance. What a challenge there is in the decision of this Christian mother, who realizes that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only power that can keep nations from warring with one another!

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield left early in July for their chosen field in Nigeria, West Africa. They were accompanied by Miss Hattie Mae Gardner, who is returning to Nigeria. Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill and their three children, Elizabeth, Jane, and Everett, III, left Miami July 19, for South America where they will spend two years in residence, first at Recife, then at Rio de Janeiro, and finally at Buenos Aires. Dr. Gill will spend the time visiting every mission field Southern Baptists have in South America, keeping close contact with developments in this period of crisis and ever-enlarging opportunities. Word comes from Nigeria that Miss Lena Lair and Miss Amanda Tinkle are being compelled to return to America on account of ill health. Rev. J. W. Richardson and his wife, Dr. Margaret Sampson Richardson, together with Miss Ruby Danjel and Miss Ada Lois Newman, are scheduled to leave the last of July for Nigeria.

On June 26, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Adair, Miss Margaret Marchman and Miss Josephine Scaggs left the United States for Nigeria. Miss Mildred Smith, former missionary to Nigeria, was married June 10, to Mr. Neville Cohen, Abilene, Texas. Mr. Cohen is in the British service in West Africa. Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover left the last of June for Brazil. Rev. and

Mrs. B. W. Orrick left Miami recently for their mission field in Argentina. Dr. C. L. Culpepper was scheduled to leave this summer for China where he will be engaged in liaison work with the Chinese government. Miss Lila Watson and Miss Cecile Lancaster, now in California, will be leaving soon for Honolulu, where they will work until doors open in the Orient.

The third edition of *The Word Overcoming the World*, a mission study book dealing with all of the foreign mission fields of Southern Baptists, has recently come from the press of the Sunday School Board. A number of minor corrections and revisions are made in this edition. The price remains fifty cents a copy, paper.

The Foreign Mission Board has published two tracts for free distribution: one, the report of Dr. Theron M. Rankin, executive secretary, with the title, "Thanking God and Taking Courage"; and "Forty-four Foreign Mission Facts," gleaned from all of our foreign mission fields.

An example of the power of the Gospel among even the most savage people is given in a missionary experience related in *Sermons on the Christian Way* (The Carey Press—5—) by H. L. Hemmens, a leader of the Baptist laymen of Great Britain: "Some time ago I was on the platform of a great hall in London, looking into the faces of two thousand boys. Presently there limped to the front a white-haired, bent, lame figure. He was a missionary who had spent his manhood in the forests of Central Africa, mostly among pigmy tribes. On one occasion he was preaching in a village, when his diminutive audience vanished like the wind, and he found himself standing alone and confronted by a brigand outlaw chief at the head of a hundred armed ruffians. This man was wanted for murder and the government had set a price on his head. The missionary went on briefly with his story. Suddenly he was interrupted by the brigand. 'Is that true?' he exclaimed. 'Is what true?' the missionary replied. 'Why, that story you are telling.' 'It is,' said the missionary. 'Then tell me some more,' came the reply. And the missionary continued that old story. Kikakwu, that brigand chief, returned again and again, until he was won to a new life by the story of the love of God in Jesus Christ. For the remaining ten years of his life he was the friend and companion of that missionary, who described him as being one of God's finest gentlemen and an eloquent preacher of the Gospel by life and lip to his own people."

Rev. J. B. Middleton has accepted the pastorate of the Bruce church, effective September first. He has served the church at Sardis for almost six years.

Force Incompatible With True Religion Says Natchez Pastor

W. A. Sullivan, D.D.

Historically Baptists are not Protestants. They have never called themselves Protestants. They have raised little objection to being called Protestants by their friends among other groups, sometimes because they have simply been indifferent toward their historic position. As a result, most people, including many Baptists, think we are Protestants. The fact is, Baptists have never been Protestants in the sense in which the word was first applied to certain religious groups. Furthermore Baptists take pride in the fact that they have never persecuted any other people for their religious beliefs and practices.

Tolerance and toleration, as commonly used regarding beliefs, are not Baptist words. Strictly speaking, the word to "tolerate" means to allow. I do not like to think of anyone presuming to allow me to worship God freely according to the dictates of my own conscience. Nor would I think of "allowing" any man, whatever his faith, to worship God in his own way. He is free to worship or not to worship. Force is incompatible with the spirit of true religion. I may disagree with my neighbor's religious beliefs and practices, and therefore find myself unable to accept them for my own, yet I should fight and die with him in defense of his liberty to worship according to his own conscience.

Religious liberty assumes the competency of the human soul. It is an historic principle in our American democracy. It involves the inalienable right to worship, or not to worship. It includes freedom to express one's religious views both orally and in the religious press. It requires freedom of missionary endeavor for every religious group in the world. It repudiates the use of political, economic, military, and all other forces either to hinder or promote religious beliefs.

A corollary of this principle of religious liberty for all is absolute separation of church and state, in practice as well as in theory. No religious institution or movement should ever be supported either directly or indirectly by public funds. For this reason the Southern Baptist Hospital declined the use of several hundred thousand dollars of federal funds in enlarging the facilities of its hospital in New Orleans. We believe that for the government in any town (local, state or federal) to extend financial or political recognition to any given religious group or institution is subversive of the Constitution of the United States, and therefore inimical to our American way of life.

Let us "render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's."

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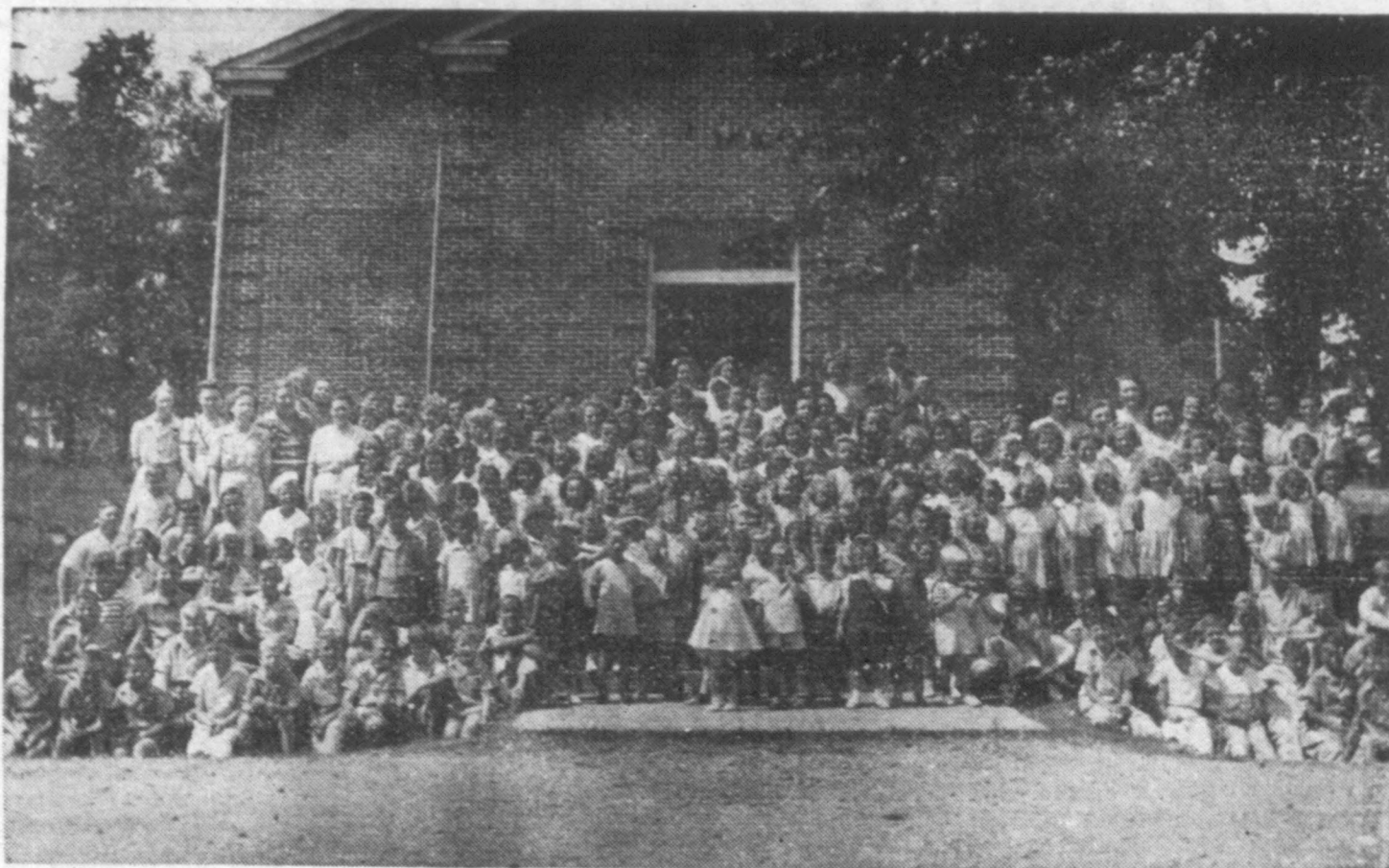
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Bruce Church Holds Successful VBS



L. MONROE MAGEE

Whereas, on June 11, 1945, the spirit of L. Monroe Magee, better known as "Uncle Mon," returned to the Giver of life, and

Whereas, Brother Magee was a faithful member of Dinan church and though he suffered physically for several months he managed to find ways in which he could serve God.

Whereas, his influence will live on in the lives of his loved ones and friends. Our lives are much richer because of his life spent among us. We feel deeply our great loss in his going, but count it a privilege to pay tribute to the loving memory of such a devoted father and faithful friend.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, that we extend to his children, loved ones and friends our sincere sympathy, praying that God may sustain and comfort as He alone can do. Second, by order of the church a copy of these resolutions be retained for the church, a copy sent to the bereaved family and copies forwarded to The Baptist Record and the Tylertown News for publication.

Respectfully submitted by the committee:

MRS. HOSEA LUTER,
MRS. CARLOS OWENS,
MRS. JIMMIE MAGEE.

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CORRECTION: The report of baptisms for 1944 did not show any for Second Avenue church, Laurel. This was the printer's error in preparing the minutes. The letter which Dr. B. B. Hilbun sent to the association showed 61 by baptism. The report in The Baptist Record last week was compiled from the minutes, so it is no mistake of yours.—P. F. Herring.

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The Bruce Baptist Church held a Daily Vacation Bible school May 21-25, which was a great success in every way and the largest in the history of the church.

The enrollment for the week was 225 with a daily average of 205. There were thirty teachers and four general officers. The departmental superintendents were: Mrs. Willie Harris, Beginners; Mrs. L. F. Haire, Primary; Mrs. V. E. Crawford, Junior; Mrs. W. C. Speir, Intermediates; Miss Alene Lyles, pianist; Mrs. J. O. Carson, chorister; Mrs. O. B. Crocker, principal.

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More than 500 professions of faith resulting from the Baptist Hour radio sermons have been reported this year.

The Kiwanis Clubs of America are to be congratulated on the fact that the main object of the Kiwanis Internationals committee is to support the churches in their spiritual aims. There are many other aims which men have but certainly none of them quite equals in importance their spiritual aims. The purpose of Kiwanis is "to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life." We do not see how a luncheon club could have a higher ambition and we offer our personal felicitations to the Kiwanis International and to Mr. Paul G. James, chairman of the International committee.

Calvary church, Warren county, will begin its revival July 29. A former pastor, Rev. J. C. Murphy, will preach. The music will be directed by Rev. Joe Haigler.—Church clerk.

The week of July 8 we were in a revival with Bro. B. T. Bishop at Money. There were 13 for baptism and two by letter. It was our privilege to serve this church for almost two years before going to the Seminary. It was great to have the fellowship with friends and the pastor of this growing church.—J. B. Smith, Hollandale.

Brookhaven: The First church voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the deacons to make a contribution of \$2,000 toward the erection of a new church building at Wesson. Half the money is to be paid when work is begun and the remainder during construction. Wesson is the location of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and 75% of the students attending school there are Baptists. This is a noble missionary endeavor of the Brookhaven church.

The Southern Baptist Handbook, 1945, edited by Dr. E. P. Alldredge, provides the answer to almost any question about Southern Baptists or about religion in the world. It traces Southern Baptist history for the past 100 years and is crowded with authentic, usable, vital information about Baptist work. The book is a "must" for anyone who wants to keep up to date on world-wide Christian progress. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.00.

Rev. Carey T. Vinzant, Mississippian and graduate of Mississippi College, has completed his first year as pastor of the First church, Fitzgerald, Georgia. From the Christian Index we glean the following facts concerning his year's pastorate: additions 172, 80 by baptism; inaugurated a \$75,000 building program. Gifts for the year total \$25,137.

Jack Bridges, Mississippian, and pastor of Lakewood Heights church, Atlanta, Georgia, writes that they are establishing a mission about ten blocks from the church. They plan to open another in the fall. Plans have been drawn by the Sunday School Board for an educational building. Work will begin when materials and labor are available.

Associational Missionary J. H. Sherman held a series of revivals in Pontotoc and Calhoun counties recently. A new church with 17 charter members was organized. Rev. L. F. Haire and H. B. Roane assisted in the organization. William E. Higginbotham was licensed to preach. The new church has been named "Sherman" and Rev. H. B. Roane elected pastor.

The Crenshaw church held its seventh annual VBS June 18-29. The directors were Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Lee of Como. A total of 82 was enrolled with an average attendance of 64. The offering of \$18.66 went for the Centennial Crusade. Miss Ada Mullens of New Hebron also assisted in the school.—Reporter.

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A new film entitled "Navy Chaplain" showing the navy's program of indoctrination for chaplains is available for use by interested religious organizations and church groups. It was filmed on the campus of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. It also combines pictures of combat photographers of chaplains at work overseas. The film is non-sectarian, 17 minutes in length, and may be secured by writing to the Chaplains' Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., or to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement.

Urges Prayer For The Soldiers Of The Cross

Robert E. Beddoe, M.D., LL.D.

Since returning from China last September, it has been my privilege to appear in churches from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Naturally I have observed many things. Among other things I have been impressed by the thoughtfulness of Baptists in remembering the boys and girls in the armed forces. Service flags are displayed prominently, congregations stand in silent prayer, and often names are read and special prayers are offered. This is commendable and appropriate.

Why not so remember the soldiers of the cross? Why not display service flags for missionaries who have gone from or are supported by various churches?

One hundred and thirty million Americans can send 13 million men to defend the country. By that proportion, how many missionaries should Southern Baptists send to do a far more important and eternal job? The number should be 5000 rather than 500.

Churches of the South! Your missionaries NEED your prayers. I know this from vivid experience. Start the custom now! Remember your missionaries in every regular service of your church. We thank God for the women who remember us. But, why not the entire church?

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The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Dr. and Mrs. William Potter, Carthage; Rev. C. S. Thomas, Jackson; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Meridian; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Union; Rev. H. H. Hargrove, Waco, Texas; Rev. H. B. Speights, Corinth; Rev. O. C. Chance, Harrisville; Miss Elizabeth McElroy, Baldwin; Capt. J. C. Johnson, U. S. Army; Rev. D. W. McLeod, Florence; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Vernon Lee, Georgetown; Mrs. C. A. Shoemaker, Georgetown; Rev. Joe T. Odle, Crystal Springs; Rev. Owen Williams, Utica; Rev. A. W. Talbert, Jackson; Rev. Ivan Lowry, Bucatunna; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton; Rev. Fred B. Bookter, McComb; Rev. Clyde P. Jones, Clinton; Rev. Joe Causey, Clinton; Mrs. Luther A. Harrison and Charles Harrison, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Once more we remind our readers that we pay no attention to unsigned articles. Recently we received two clippings in an envelope postmarked Hazlehurst, but there was no name and therefore these clippings however good or bad got the usual treatment—the wastebasket.

Rev. Percy Herring has resigned Beacon church, Laurel, effective September first. He is returning to Baptist Bible Institute. In connection with his studies he will be pastor of Bridgedale church in New Orleans.

County Line (Attala county): In church conference we have voted to enter the Minister's Retirement Fund plan. The plan was adopted upon the enthusiastic recommendation of our pastor, Dr. William Potter of Carthage.—Church reporter.

Sturgis: Brother Cecil L. Carpenter was licensed to preach the gospel on July 1 by the Morgan Chapel Baptist Church. Brother Carpenter is a consecrated young Christian who was recently released from service with the navy.—B. P. Martin.

Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Baptist pastor at Marks and writer of the weekly Sunday school lesson in the Record, conducted the revival of the Sturgis Baptist Church the second week in July. This great Mississippi preacher thrilled the heart of every Baptist in Sturgis and deepened the spiritual life of the whole community. Since he left, Sturgis Baptists, with deepest reverence, have been saying: "Never preacher spake like this man spoke."—B. P. Martin.